Child and Family Services Statistical Report 1996-97 to 1998-99

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Preface

This is the third edition of the *Child and Family Services (C&FS) Statistical Report* of the Working Group on Child and Family Services Information, presenting statistical data on child welfare services in Canada. The format of the report is based on statistical tables previously found in the *Compendium on Child and Family Services Information* and the report entitled *Child Welfare in Canada: the Role of Provincial and Territorial Authorities in Cases of Child Abuse*.

The *C&FS Statistical Report* presents data on a range of services to children and families, including protection services and adoption, with the main focus being on children in care. Each jurisdictional section provides statistics on services to children and families and, in some cases, expenditure data for departments responsible for child welfare. Data are provided for 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, and may be presented for the fiscal year, calendar year, for the month of March, or as at the end of March, depending on the reporting system for each jurisdiction. Provinces and territories have submitted statistics extracted from data systems developed to meet the administrative and case management needs of their respective jurisdictions. As such, there are extensive variations in the types of data collected and the manner in which they are reported. For instance, some data may refer to all allegations of child abuse and others to investigations only. Actual client data may represent the number of families or children. Therefore, **data for a given province or territory cannot and should not be compared across jurisdictions**.

Each jurisdiction has its own legislation providing for the protection of children. Services may be provided to a child in need of protection through several means. *Preventive services* may be provided by child welfare authorities with the agreement and co-operation of the family to help resolve difficulties. Formalized *voluntary agreements* may be negotiated between child welfare authorities and the child's family outlining each party's responsibilities towards the care and custody of the child; these are usually temporary in nature and may involve placement of the child outside the family home. Where a child is considered to be in imminent danger, child welfare authorities may *apprehend* the child. Where a child has been apprehended, or a voluntary agreement is not feasible or appropriate, a *child protection hearing* is scheduled. The court determines whether the child is in need of protection, and may issue an order concerning the care, custody and/or guardianship of the child.

Throughout the report, where provinces and territories were unable to provide data, the symbol "n/a" has been used. Following the statistical tables in each section, there appears a glossary of terminology defining such terms as child and children in care, and describing various legal statuses.

Table A provides the most recent post-censal estimates from Statistics Canada on the overall child population in Canada, by province and territory for children in various age groupings.

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Table A **Estimated Number of Children in Canada by Province/Territory July 1999[p] (000's)**

Province	0-16 years	17 years	18 years	0-18 years
Newfoundland and Labrador	113.5	8.5	8.4	130.4
Prince Edward Island	32.1	2.1	2.0	36.1
Nova Scotia	200.1	12.6	12.8	225.4
New Brunswick	158.7	10.3	10.4	179.4
Quebec	1,521.4	96.8	101.5	1,719.7
Ontario	2,575.3	149.1	150.9	2,875.3
Manitoba	274.4	16.0	16.0	306.3
Saskatchewan	258.0	15.8	15.8	289.6
Alberta	720.9	43.5	43.4	807.8
British Columbia	850.4	53.8	53.4	957.6
Yukon	7.8	.4	.4	8.6
Northwest Territories	12.6	.6	.6	13.9
Nunavut	11.3	.5	.5	12.2
Canada[1]	***6,736.3***	***409.9***	***416.1***	***7,562.3***

p. Preliminary data.

1. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada - Postcensal estimates

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Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations of child abuse or neglect investigated.

2. *Child Welfare Cases* - number of child welfare cases by region including child protection, children-in-care, foster care, family support and adoption cases.

3. *Children not in Care*- cases where there is no transfer of custody or guardianship.

4. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship to the Director of Child Welfare.

5. *Adoptions* – children in care, relative and step-parent adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for the Department of Health and Community Services are included.

Newfoundland data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Investigations

Table 1 Investigations[1] by Type, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Type	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Child Abuse			
Physical	806	790	638
Sexual	728	638	492
Emotional	551	464	750
Subtotal	**2,085**	**1,892**	**1,880**
Other[2]	2,373	2,551	1,631
Total Children	***4,458***	***4,443***	***3,511***
Total Families	***2,924***	***2,915***	***2,900***

1. Data represent the number of allegations of child abuse and/or neglect investigated plus the number of incidences of abuse and/or neglect which subsequently become identified through an investigation. Only the primary abuse is identified.

2. All investigations other than child abuse, including neglect.

Child Welfare Cases

Table 2 Number of Child Welfare Cases[1] by Region, March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Region	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
St. John's	2,486	2,088	2,437
Eastern	1,045	848	997
Central	1,092	798	699
Western	1,299	1,165	1,129
Labrador	758	692	910
Total	***6,680***	***5,591***	***6,172***

1. Includes child protection, children-in-care, foster care, family support and adoption cases.

Children Not in Care

Table 3 Children Not in Care, in Placements (with relatives) Receiving Financial Support, March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Child Welfare Allowance[1]	424	396	484

1. This program provides financial support to relatives who are caring for children who would otherwise come into the care of the Director of Child Welfare.

Children in Care

Table 4.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1997[2]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Permanent Ward	250	245	218
Temporary Ward	219	198	177
Voluntary Care Agreement	52	42	60
Pending Disposition	24	20	71
Consent to Adoption	17	8	12
Youth Care Agreement	159	176	165
Total	***721***	***689***	***703***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Data have been revised.

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Table 4.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 March 31, 1999

Placement Type	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Foster Homes (includes relative, B& L and non-relative)	667	640	703[2]
Group Home	16	14	–
Emergency Placement Unit	6	0	–
Outside Province	7	7	–
Choices for Youth Program	20	28	–
Independent Living Arrangements	5	0	–
Total	***721***	***689***	***703***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Total for Foster Homes in 1999 also includes children in other placement types.

Table 4.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Age Group			
0-5 years	115	n/a	n/a
6-11 years	163	n/a	n/a
12-15 years	207	n/a	n/a
16 years +	236	n/a	n/a
Sex			
Male	373	n/a	n/a
Female	348	n/a	n/a
Total	***721***	***689***	***703***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 5.a Adoptions during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Applications Received	219	215	215
Applications Approved	112	74	106
Applications Rejected or Withdrawn	89	141	109
Placements made or recognized	112	69	137
Regular	19	19	47
Relative/Step-parent	93	50	87
Adoptions finalized	112	64	137
Adoption Subsidy	7	27	39

Table 5.b Age Group of Children[1] Placed for Adoption during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Age Group	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
0-2 years	6	6	30
over 2 years	13	13	17
Total	***19***	***19***	***47***

1. Does not include children adopted by relatives or step-parents.

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Expenditures

Table 6 Department of Health and Community Services[1]
Total Expenditures ($000s) 1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Executive & Support Services	$ 11,019.7	$ 13,809.5	$ n/a
Service Delivery	30,441.4	31,718.3	37,650.5
Child Welfare	**14,381.3**	**16,905.6**	**17,132.8**
Youth Corrections	5,721.7	5,320.3	5,471.7
Developmental and Rehabilitative Services[2]	42,598.6	n/a	n/a
Day Care	3,131.8	3,677.3	9,656.8
Employment Opportunities[2]	7,987.0	n/a	n/a
Income Support[2]	249,839.0	n/a	n/a
Support to Family Related Organizations	298.4	1,347.4	1,864.6
Family Support Services	3,295.4	3,067.7	3,245.4
Total	***$ 368,714.3***	***$ 75,846.1[3]***	***$ 75,021.8[3]***

1. As of April 1, 1998, Child Welfare and Community Corrections, and Family and Rehabilitative Programs were transferred from the Department of Human Resources and Employment to the new Department of Health and Community Services.

2. Developmental and Rehabilitative Services; Employment Opportunities; and Income Support moved to the Department of Human Resources and Employment effective 1997.

3. Please note that data are not comparable to previous years due to Departmental restructuring.

Glossary of Terms

Child: An unmarried boy or girl under the age of 16. A child who is in the Director's care at age 16 may have wardship extended to age 19. Financial and other services may be extended to age 21.

Child in Care: Child in need of protection under the *Child Welfare Act* and in care under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement, pending disposition (those who have been apprehended and are waiting for the child protection hearing plus those under interim orders waiting for the judge's decision), consent to adoption, Order of Temporary Wardship (temporary ward), Order of Permanent Wardship (permanent ward), and Youth Care Agreement (youth under extended care who were in care on the day before their 16th birthday under an order or agreement).

Voluntary Care Agreement: Also called a Non-Ward Agreement, allows parents to voluntarily and temporarily give up care of their child to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents retain guardianship rights. The agreement is generally for up to three months and may be extended for an additional three months.

Supervision Order: Used when a child is found to be in need of protection but is returned to the care and custody of the parents or any other suitable adult. Guardianship is either retained by the parents or given by a Court to a third party under the supervision of the Director. The order is made for a maximum of 12 months and specific recommendations may be made by the Judge. The child is not considered to be in care.

Order of Temporary Wardship: Custody and guardianship of a child is transferred to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents must consent to any medical treatment required by the child. Orders cannot exceed 12 months.

Order of Permanent Wardship: Permanent wardship is granted only when the parents are incapable of providing guardianship; have no desire to, or are not available to provide guardianship; or there is an apparently irreversible history of abuse or serious neglect. When a child is made a permanent ward, the parents lose their custody and guardianship rights and the child may be placed for adoption.

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Youth Care Agreement: Temporary or permanent wardship extended to age 19.

Consent to Adoption: Under *The Adoption of Children Act*, a parent may voluntarily relinquish a child to the Director of Child Welfare for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from the Department of Health and Social Services' management information system (MIS). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

2. *Adoptions* - number of children adopted.

In addition, expenditures on child and family services are included.

P.E.I. data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Children in Care

Table 1.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Apprehended	43	59	67
Temporary Ward[2]	6	7	8
Permanent Ward[3]	45	45	41
Voluntary Care Agreement[4]	72	67	71
Wards of Another Province	3	3	5
Adoption Placement[5]	3	4	9
Follow-up to Child in Care[6]	8	10	7
Missing	17	0	0
Uncoded	7	11	7
Total	***204***	***206***	***215***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes children in care under a Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship.
3. Includes children in care under a Permanent Guardianship Order.
4. Includes children in care under a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship, a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody, or a Permanent Guardianship Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes).
5. Permanent wards who have been placed in an adoption home pending finalization.
6. Includes children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services.

Table 1.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Placement Type	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Living with Parents	5	2	6
Living with Relatives	6	2	2
Emergency Foster Home	6	5	4
Relative Foster Home	30	28	21
Regular Foster Home	103	117	117
Group Foster Home	6	7	8
Group Home	13	10	14
Special Care Resources[2]	5	4	5
Young Offender Facility	1	0	2
Out-of-Province Placement	4	3	3
Room and Board	4	4	4
Other	1	4	4
Coded Incorrectly	3	3	5
Missing	17	17	20
Total	***204***	***206***	***215***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes the Adolescent Treatment Unit at Hillsborough Hospital.

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Table 1.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Age Group	March 31, 1997[2] Male	March 31, 1997[2] Female	March 31, 1998 Male	March 31, 1998 Female	March 31, 1999 Male	March 31, 1999 Female
0-11	45	34	45	36	44	42
12-14	25	23	25	23	20	18
15+	28	49	28	48	30	60
Total	***98***	***106***	***98***	***107***	***94***	***120***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Gender was not coded for 1 child in the 15+ age group.

Adoptions

Table 2 Adoptions during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Finalized Adoptions	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Departmental Adoptions	7	5	7
Private Adoptions			
Step-parent	11	7	14
Relative	6	5	3
Non-relative	9	6	5
Total Private Adoptions	**26**	**18**	**22**

Expenditures

Table 3 Department of Health and Social Services Child and Family Services Expenditures ($000s) 1996-97 to 1998-99

Expenditures	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Maintenance of Foster Children	2,215.2	2,801.7	2,694.5
Medical/Dental/Optical Expenses for Foster Children	33.7	33.1	41.6
Foster Parent Association	30.7	30.7	35.0
Group Care[1]	1,469.2	1,563.7	1,725.7
Family Support Program	411.1	560.8	645.8
Special Residential Services[2]	75.8	55.3	47.3
Total	***$ 4,235.7***	***$ 5,045.3***	***$ 5,189.9***

1. Figures for these categories include salary, administration and travel costs associated with the service.

2. Expenditures have decreased from 1996-97 to 1998-99 due to fewer children being placed out of province; closure of two group homes; and fewer children in specialized foster care.

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Glossary of Terms

Child: A person actually or apparently under the age of majority (i.e., 18 years). Services may be extended to age 21 to a permanent ward.

Child in care: Those children who are in need of protection under the *Family and Child Services Act* who fall under the following legal statuses: Temporary Guardianship Agreement, Temporary Custody Agreement, Permanent Guardianship Agreement, apprehended, Permanent Guardianship Order, Temporary Custody and Guardianship Order, ward of another province, and children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services ("follow-up to child in care").

Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody: Temporarily transfers custody, but not guardianship, of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for a period of up to six months. A child under 13 may have the agreement extended for two additional six month terms; a child 13 or over may have it extended indefinitely to age 18.

Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship: Transfers the legal guardianship and custody of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for up to six months. Provisions for extension are the same as for a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody.

Permanent Guardianship Agreement: The parents voluntarily and permanently transfer the custody and guardianship of the child to the Director of Child Welfare or agency.

Supervision Order: A child in need of protection is returned to the parents under the supervision of the Director of Child Welfare for a specified period not to exceed six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months. The child is not considered to be in care.

Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship: Commits the child to the temporary custody and guardianship of the Director for a period of up to six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months.

Permanent Guardianship Order: The Director of Child Welfare becomes the sole guardian of the child until the child attains the age of majority, marries, is adopted or a judge terminates the order.

Introduction

Data presented in this section, including the Child Abuse Register, are from Nova Scotia's Case Management System which is maintained by the Department of Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - services to all families/children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.

2. *Child Abuse Register* - contains information on victims and perpetrators of child abuse.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Community Services are included.

Nova Scotia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Protection

Table 1 Protection Cases during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and as at March 31

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
a)	Average number of children provided protection in own home on monthly basis from April 1 to March 31	2,542	2,367	2,122
b)	Protection Cases			
	as at April 1(1996, 1997 & 1998)	2,327	2,170	1,946
	new during the year	1,166	1,192	1,195
	as at March 31 (1997, 1998 & 1999)	3,149	2,785	2,523

Child Abuse Register

Table 2 Child Abuse Register [1,2] Statistical Information from January-December, 1996 to 1998

	1996		1997		1998	
Total Cases Recorded	*158*		*149*		*160*	
Reason for Registration						
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(a) C.F.S.A.[3]	1		3		4	
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(b) C.F.S.A.[4]	156		143		153	
Finding Under Sec. 63 (2) (c) C.F.S.A[5]	1		3		3	
Breakdown by Type of Abuse	*P**	*S***	*P**	*S***	*P**	*S***
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(a) C.F.S.A.[3]	1	-	3	-	3	1
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(b) C.F.S.A[4]	28	128	26	117	31	122
Finding under Sec. 63 (2) (c) C.F.S.A[5]	-	1	-	3	-	3
Number under Young Offenders Act		24		19		27
Number of Searches Completed		2,580		4,430		8,619

1. See Glossary for definition of Child Abuse Register.
2. The Department has revised its format for reporting of information on the Child Abuse Register and therefore data is not comparable to previous years.
3. Under section 63 (2)(a) the court finds that a child is in need of protective services in respect of the person within the meaning.
4. Under section 63 (2)(b) the person is convicted of an offence against a child pursuant to the Criminal Code (Canada) as prescribed in the regulations.
5. Under section 63 (2)(c) the court makes a finding pursuant to subsection (3) (application by Minister or agency).

* P is physical abuse

** S is sexual abuse

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and as at March 31

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
a)	Children brought into care April 1 - March 31			
	Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	562	511	444
	Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	88	91	55
	Voluntary Care Agreement[2] - Sec. 68	15	17	16
	Taken into Care[3]	587	604	606
	Care and Custody	192	189	207
b)	Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31	1,767	1,859	1,906
	Children in care and custody[4]	841	875	927

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.

2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.

3. Includes all cases before the court. Those under a court application as well as those taken into care.

4. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

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Table 3.b Children in Care showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Sex			
Male	n/a	985	984
Female	n/a	874	922
Age			
0 to 4 years	n/a	405	444
5 to 10 years	n/a	507	529
11 to 15 years	n/a	557	529
16 to 19 years	n/a	334	359
20 to 21 years	n/a	56	45
Placement			
Own Parents	n/a	79	78
Self Supporting	n/a	0	0
Foster Homes	n/a	953	961
Group Homes	n/a	61	43
Residential Facilities	n/a	50	55
Adoption Probation	n/a	76	67
Free Homes[1]	n/a	--	--
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	n/a	109	128
Out of Province	n/a	25	25
Others[2]	n/a	506	549
Total	***1,767***	***1,859***	***1,906***

1. Placement for which no funding is provided.

2. This category includes the *Young Offenders Act* Community Facility and other placements.

Note: This table did not appear in earlier versions of this report.

Table 3.c Children in Permanent Care and Custody[1] showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Sex			
Male	447	450	485
Female	394	425	442
Age[2]			
0 to 4 years	82	101	131
5 to 10 years	153	205	227
11 to 15 years	195	236	252
16 to 19 years	294	278	272
20 to 21 years	117	55	45
Placement			
Own Parents	9	9	7
Self Supporting	0	0	0
Foster Homes	508	537	609
Group Homes	12	10	8
Residential Facilities	19	11	8
Adoption Probation	44	59	56
Free Homes[3]	2	--	--
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	97	92	83
Others[4]	150	157	156
Total	***841***	***875***	***927***

1. Represents children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.
2. Age groupings have changed from earlier versions of this report.
3. Placement for which no funding is provided.
4. This category includes S.O.S. Village, the *Young Offenders Act* Community Facility and other placements.

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Adoptions

Table 4.a Adoptions Completed, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Adoptions Completed	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Agency	33	98	70
Private: Relative	69	82	80
Private: Non Relative	9	13	16
Total	***111***	***193***	***166***

Table 4.b Adoption Activities, 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Homes on Waiting List	277	366	322

Table 4.c Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Sex			
Male	67	108	83
Female	44	85	83
Age Group[1]			
under 1 year	21	17	23
1 to 2 years	14	59	20
2 to 5 years	29	35	50
6 to 10 years	31	61	53
11 to 15 years	16	21	20
Total	***111***	***193***	***166***

1. Age groupings have changed from earlier versions of this report.

Expenditures

Table 5.a Department of Community Services
Family and Children's Services Expenditures[1] ($000s)
1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99[2]
Administration	148.7	156.5	207.8
Child Welfare and Residential Services	834.2	854.8	1,030.1
Children's Services - Field	4,977.2	5,512.9	5,878.7
Maintenance of Children*	12,199.4	31,885.6*	33,386.2*
Taken into Care*	10,244.1	*	*
Temporary Care*	3,779.9	*	*
Direct Grants	1,138.2	1,141.3	1,713.3
Children's Aid Society Grants	13,800.5	15,319.2	15,499.8
Transition and Safe Houses	3,248.0	3,472.0	3,869.4
Prevention Services	607.3	483.0	530.1
Day Care - Field	92.9	92.7	96.7
Payments to Child Development Centres	225.8	258.8	259.3
Day Care Subsidy	11,650.9	11,614.4	11,844.2
Early Intervention Program	594.8	650.6	717.2
Family Support Program*	1,340.9	*	1,817.8
Family Counselling Grants	819.3	1,121.8	1,035.3
Community Outreach Services	368.8	382.8	334.0
In Home Support Program	2,136.0	3,062.9	3,945.6
Small Option Homes	1,162.4	1,144.4	702.7
Community Placements	4,551.2	6,455.6	4,412.8
Summer Programs	553.9	522.9	531.6
Community Residential Facilities	8,678.7	12,225.9	9,207.9
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	896.7	-	-
Children's Training Centres	2,714.4	-	74.5
Nova Scotia Residential Centre	3,146.9	-	239.3
Family Violence Prevention	-	24.8	-
Healthy Child Development	-	-	1,604.6
Total	***$89,911.1***	***$96,382.9***	***$98,939.1***[3]

1. Format is not consistent with data provided in earlier reports due to Departmental restructuring.

2. Numbers have not been audited.

3. Total may not add up due to rounding of numbers.

* The Maintenance of Children cost for 1997-98 includes Taken into Care, Temporary Care and Family Support Program. For 1998-99 includes Taken into Care and Temporary Care.

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Table 5.b Department of Community Services
Total Expenditures [1] ($000's)
1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99[2]
Family and Children's Services	**89,911.1**	**96,382.9**	**98,939.1**
Income Assistance and Employment Support Services	439,635.9	443,070.5	446,410.1
Senior Management	920.8	817.2	910.2
Commissions and Agencies	609.9	585.7	867.1
Corporate Services Unit	7,878.8	7,592.2	10,156.3
Strategic Planning	1,521.0	1,501.2	1,209.1
Field Offices	4,453.5	6,875.7	7,341.1
Total	***$ 544,931.0***	***$ 556,825.4***	***$ 565,833***

1. Format is not consistent with data provided in earlier reports due to Departmental restructuring.

2. Numbers have not been audited.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under sixteen years of age. The permanent care and custody of a child may be extended until the child reaches age 21.

Child in Care: Any child who is in need of protection under the *Children and Family Services Act* who has had a transfer of custody and/or guardianship through a Temporary Care Agreement, a Special Needs Agreement, a Temporary Care and Custody Order (includes status during adjournments in child protection hearing), a Permanent Care and Custody Order, or voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes.

Child Abuse Register: The province operates a Child Abuse Register for the purpose of recording both Family Court findings of abuse and Criminal Code convictions against children. The information is used primarily for child protection and screening purposes.

Temporary Care Agreement: Care and supervision of a child are transferred to an agency for up to six months; the parent retains guardianship. An agreement may be renewed for an additional six months.

Special Needs Agreement: A written agreement with an agency or the Minister for the care and custody of a child with special needs or for the provision of services to meet the child's needs. The parent retains legal custody under this type of agreement as well as authority for emergency medical treatment. The agreement may be for up to one year and may be renewed for additional one year periods.

Court Application By Agency: An agency may make an application to the court to determine whether a child is in need of protective services. Under an application, the child remains in the care of the parent or guardian.

Taken into Care: An agent may without warrant or court order take a child into care where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a child is in need of protective services and the child's health or safety cannot otherwise be protected.

Supervision Order: The child remains in the care and custody of a person other than a parent or guardian, under supervision of the agency or is returned to the family, under supervision of the agency, for up to one year. The child is not considered to be in care.

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Temporary Care and Custody Order: An agency retains temporary care and custody of the child for up to six months from the date he was taken into care or one year from the date he was found to be in need of protection. Maximum duration varies by age: for a child under 3 it is three months; for a child aged 3 to 11, it is six months; and for a child 12 or older it is one year.

Permanent Care and Custody Order: The agency becomes the child's legal guardian, assuming all parental rights and responsibilities.

Introduction

This section presents data compiled by the Family and Community Social Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services. Data for Tables 1a and 1b are based on the RPSS (Automated Client System). Data for Tables 2a, 2b and 2c are based on the RCWD (Payment System). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reports, investigations and cases of children in need of protection.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - departmental, private, international and special services.

New Brunswick's data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Protection

Table 1.a Reports[1,2] by Type, 1996-97 to 1998-99

Type	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Child abuse			
Physical	1,618	1,653	1,546
Sexual	1,487	1,348	1,316
Subtotal	**3,105**	**3,001**	**2,862**
Spousal abuse occurring within family	418	508	393
Neglect	2,851	2,954	2,832
Child beyond control	1,226	1,247	1,247
Total	***7,600***	***7,710***	***7,361***

1. Only primary presenting problem based on caller's allegation has been recorded.

2. Reports relate to number of families.

Table 1.b Child Protection Cases[1] as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Number of Cases	*1,635*	*1,609*	*1,611*

1. Reports represent number of families.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997, March 30, 1998 and March 30, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1997	March 30, 1998	March 30, 1999
Protective Care	73	80	75
Custody Agreement	170	199	201
Guardianship Agreement	48	32	31
Post Guardianship Services Agreement	47	49	42
Protective Intervention Order[2]	6	4	4
Supervisory Order[2]	56	44	50
Custody Order	175	201	215
Guardianship Order	508	546	575
Total	***1,083***	***1,155***	***1,193***

1. According to the *Family Services Act* a "child in care" means any child within an age group prescribed by regulation who has been placed under protective care or any child who is in the care of the Minister.

2. Strictly speaking, children under Protective Intervention Orders and Supervisory Orders are not "In Care" as they remain at home.

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Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1997, March 30, 1998 and March 30, 1999

Placement Type	March 31, 1997	March 30, 1998	March 30, 1999
Parent's Home	114	102	98
Emergency Shelter	10	11	5
Foster Home	592	652	585
Group Home	40	55	66
Institution	4	13	8
Therapeutic Home	124	156	268
Children's Special Needs Home	57	57	45
Adoption Home	25	13	8
Address Unknown	9	7	5
Independent Living	84	67	83
C.B.S. to Children Home	20	21	22
Y.O.A. Closed Custody	2	0	0
Y.O.A. Open Custody	2	1	0
Total	***1,083***	***1,155***	***1,193***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 2.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group, as at March 31, 1997, March 30, 1998, and March 30, 1999

Age Group	March 31, 1997	March 30, 1998	March 30, 1999
0-4 years	155	184	208
5-10 years	222	226	244
11 years and over	706	745	741
Total	***1,083***	***1,155***	***1,193***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 3.a Adoptions, 1996-97 to 1998-99[1]

Adoptions	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Departmental Adoptions			
Infant (0-2 years)	13	18	20
Older, Special Needs & Sibling Groups	30	27	25
Total	**43**	**45**	**45**
Average Number of Subsidized Adoptive Families (per month)	87	90	95
International Adoptions	10	23	25

1. Please note that format is not consistent with data provided in earlier reports.

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Glossary of Terms

Child: A person who is, or appears to be, under 19 years of age. For child protection purposes, regulations define a child as actually or apparently under the age of 16, and include a disabled person actually or apparently under the age of 19. Services may be extended beyond age 19 for children in the permanent care and custody of the Department of Health and Community Services.

Children in Care: Children who are in need of protection under the *Family Services Act* and are in care under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement, Protective Care, Supervisory Order, Custody Order, Guardianship Order or Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) (includes Post Guardianship Services Agreements) and wards from other jurisdictions.

Custody Agreement: Parent voluntarily agrees to transfer custody, care and control of a child (but not guardianship) to the Department for up to one year, with extensions made in exceptional cases only.

Guardianship Agreement: Voluntary relinquishment of a child for adoption.

Protective Care: A service which provides an immediate safeguard for a child's security and development.

Supervisory Order: Child remains at, or returns, home with supervision of the child and the child's family by the Department for up to six months. The order may be extended for further periods of six months each. Parents retain custody and guardianship.

Custody Order: Child is removed from the home, with custody, care and control (but not guardianship) transferred to the Department for the duration of the six month order. The order may be extended for additional six month periods to a maximum of 24 months.

Guardianship Order: Care, custody, control and all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child are permanently transferred to the Department. Post guardianship services may be extended to a child who is under a Guardianship Order at the age of 19, if enrolled in an educational program or not self-sufficient due to physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

Post Guardianship Services Agreement: Services are extended to youths beyond age 19 who were in the permanent care and custody of the department provided they are in school or have special needs.

Protective Intervention Order: A person the court considers to be a danger to the child's security or development may be prohibited from residing in the same premises as the child or contacting the child for up to six months.

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Introduction

Data presented in this section are taken from the statistical data system maintained by the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec. In Québec, the age limit for receiving a report of neglect or abuse is up to and including 17. In addition, child protection reports may be made for adolescents with behavioural problems, unlike most other jurisdictions. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* – carried out under the terms of the *Youth Protection Act*.

2. *Youth Protection measures* – to ensure a child's security and development are not compromised.

3. *Child Interventions* – Director takes charge of the child's situation and either negotiates an agreement with the child/family or refers case to Québec Court, Youth Chamber.

4. *Adoptions* – both domestic and international.

Québec data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

This information is provided by the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec. The Québec government is not participating in this initiative.

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Investigations

Table 1 Investigations Carried Out by Nature of Decision [1], 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Nature of Decision	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Security or development at risk [2]	7,648	8,900	10,191
Security or development not at risk	10,248	11,616	11,776
File closed under the Act for other reasons	704	579	589
Total	***18,600***	***21,095***	***22,556***

1. Investigations carried out under the terms of the *Youth Protection Act.*

2. As defined in Section 38 or 38.1 of the *Youth Protection Act.*

Youth Protection Measures

Table 2 Youth Protection Measures Undertaken by Type, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Measures	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
New voluntary agreements [1]	n/a	3,519	3,919
New Court orders [2]	n/a	3,696	4,312
Continuation of services [3]	n/a	175	156
Closure of file, after an «intervention terminale» [4]	n/a	975	1,025
Closure for other reasons [5]	n/a	534	610
Total	***n/a***	***8,899***	***10,022***

1. Voluntary measures are negotiated between the Director of Youth Protection, the parents of the child, and the child if over 14 years of age. The measures address the placement of the child, the services required by the child and/or parents, and the custody of the child.

2. Court ordered measures are determined by the Québec Court, Youth Chamber, and address the same areas as voluntary measures.

3. Continuation of services (with or without modifications to the existing case plan) under the *Youth Protection Act*, either voluntarily or by Court order.

4. « Intervention terminale » represents a short-term intervention by the Director of Youth Protection, on a voluntary basis.

5. Closure of the file for other reasons such as: court denial of request since it does not deem the child's security or development to be in danger as defined in the Act; inability to proceed; or transfer to another Youth Centre.

Child Interventions

Table 3.a New Child Interventions [1] under the *Youth Protection Act* by Reason [2], 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

Reason [2]	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Abandonment	n/a	210	219
Neglect	n/a	4,338	5,216
Physical ill-treatment	n/a	734	870
Sexual abuse	n/a	498	517
Behavioural problems	n/a	3,120	3,192
Total	***n/a***	***8,900***	***10,014***

1. Where a child's security or development is in danger as defined in the *Youth Protection Act*, the Director of Youth Protection takes charge of the child's situation, **not** of the child. The Act stipulates that the child's parent has responsibility for the child.

2. Reasons correspond to those defined in Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Act.

Table 3.b Child Interventions [1] under the Governing Legislation by Type of Placement as at March 31st 1997, 1998 and 1999

Governing Legislation and Type of Placement	1997	1998	1999
Youth Protection Act			
- placement [2]	n/a	18,281	20,506
- natural environment	n/a	25,133	25,437
Total	n/a	***43,414***	***45,943***
Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services			
- placement [2]	n/a	4,115	3,867
- natural environment	n/a	24,884	24,262
Total	n/a	***28,999***	***28,129***
Young Offenders Act			
- placement [2]	n/a	4,176	3,978
- natural environment	n/a	19,595	17,568
Total	n/a	***23,771***	***21,546***

1. Where a child's security or development is in danger as defined in the *Youth Protection Act*, the Director of Youth Protection takes charge of the child's situation, **not** of the child. The Act stipulates that the child's parent has responsibility for the child.

2. Includes foster homes, group homes and residential facilities.

Adoptions

Table 4 Selected Statistics, 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of adopted children born in Quebec	337	241	186
Number of adopted children living outside Quebec	436	550	579
Total number of adoptions	773	791	765
Number of adoption applicants (families) assessed during the period	916	1,147	1,131

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Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under the age of 18. Under article 64 of the *Youth Protection Act*, a child who has been placed outside the family home by Court order may continue to receive services until the age of 21.

Child Intervention: In Quebec, the Director of Youth Protection takes charge of the child's situation and **not** the child. A child may receive services by voluntary agreement or by Court order, and may remain with the family (natural environment) or be placed in a facility (foster home, group home etc.)
The number of children in care may be estimated based on the number of children who are receiving services outside the family home.

Voluntary Measures: (agreements) The Director and the child's parents may agree on the measures needed to prevent the child's safety and development from being compromised. These include a full range of treatment, service and placement options. An agreement may last for up to one year if the Director feels that the situation will be resolved during that period. Otherwise, the case is referred to the Québec Court, Youth Chamber.

Court order: Where it is not possible to reach an agreement between the Director and the child's parents, the case is heard before the Québec Court, Youth Chamber. The court imposes all terms and conditions. The measures that may be imposed include the full range of options available via voluntary agreements.

Introduction

Child Welfare services are provided by Children's Aid Societies (CAS's). There are 54 CAS's in Ontario (5 of these are Aboriginal CAS's). Each CAS is an independent non-government agency governed by a board of directors. The data in the following tables were provided by the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and represent data from all Children's Aid Societies as well as Native Services provided on reserves under the following categories.

1. *Investigation and assessment* - investigations of reports that a child is or may be in need of protection.

2. *Protection* – active protection and prevention cases.

3. *Children in Care* - children who are in the temporary or permanent care of a CAS (court ordered or voluntary agreements)

4. *CAS Adoptions* - agency adoptions.

In addition, data is included for expenditures on child and family services and the entire Ministry.

The *Child and Family Services Amendment Act* (Child Welfare Reform), 1999, S.O. 2 (formerly known as Bill 6) was proclaimed to come into force March 31, 2000, except for Subsection 2(3); Section 11; Subsection 23(2); Section 27; Section 28; Subsections 30(2), (3), (5); Section 31; Subsection 33(2).

The amendments to the *CFSA Act* are intended to:

- Clarify that the paramount purpose of the Act is to promote the best interests, protection and well being of children.
- Expand the reasons for finding a child in need of protection to encourage earlier action to protect children.
- Make it easier for Children's Aid Societies to get the information they need to protect children.
- Allow evidence concerning a person's past conduct toward children to be used in child protection proceedings.
- Promote earlier permanency planning for children.
- Clarify and expand the duty to report.
- Provide for mandatory review of the CFSA at least every five years.

Ontario data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Investigation and Assessments

Table 1 **Investigation and Assessments of Reports[1] That a Child Is or May Be in Need of Protection, January 1 to December 31, 1996, January 1 to December 31, 1997, and January 1 to December 31, 1998**

Reports	1996	1997	1998
Total	*63,489*	*61,623*	*66,759*

1. Includes all reports related to need for protection, i.e. abuse and neglect.

Protection

Table 2 **Number of Active Protection and Prevention Cases as at December 31st 1996, December 31st 1997 and December 31st 1998**

	1996	1997	1998
Total	*29,589*	*34,000*	*35,380*

Children in Care

Table 3 **Children in Care[1,2] as at December 31st, 1996, December 31st, 1997, and December 31st, 1998**

	1996	1997	1998
Total	*10,398[3]*	*11,260[4]*	*12,490[4]*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Represents data from 5 Native CAS's, 49 Non-Native CAS's and Native Services on Reserve.
3. Data have been revised.
4. Includes foster and group care, as well as independent living, extended care and maintenance, adoption probation as well as other miscellaneous placements.

Adoptions

Table 4 Adoptions[1,2], as of December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998

	1996	1997	1998
Children Adopted			
Children placed by Children's Aid Societies	382	562	513[3]
International Adoptions[4]	900	856	866
Children placed by private licensees	319	256	219
Approved homes available (December 31)	651	915	1,074

1. Adoptions include those done by Children's Aid Societies, private adoption licensees and international adoptions completed in the child's country of origin.

2. Data is drawn from the March 1999 Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) Survey and from Ministry of Community and Social Services records.

3. Estimate using March 1999 OACAS Survey.

4. Represents the number of international adoption homestudies received by the Ministry.

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Expenditures

**Table 5.a Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS)
Children's Services Expenditures ($ millions)
1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99**

Current Operating Expenditures	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Child Welfare	349.6	408.3[1]	552.9[1]
Child Care[2]	535.7	558.5	601.4
Child Treatment	23.6	23.5	25.6
Child and Family Intervention	189.1	190.0	199.6
Children's Administration	41.2	60.6[3]	59.3
Young Offenders	134.7	129.3	144.1
Community Support	17.6	16.6	20.8
Total	***$ 1,291.5[4]***	***$ 1,386.8[4,5]***	***$ 1,603.7[5]***

1. Note that expenditures in these two years include transfer of municipal funding ($20 million in 1997/98 and $60 million in 1998/99) as part of Local Services Realignment (shift from 80%/20% provincial/municipal cost-sharing to 100% provincial funding).

2. This table is not comparable to previous versions of this report as expenditures for child care are now included in the total.

3. Change reflects the realignment of children's programs from other program areas.

4. Reflects recoveries of approx. $1.9M (1996/97 and 1997/98) which are not included in Table 5b under Children's Services.

5. Data not comparable to 1996-97 data due to change in child welfare funding. (see footnote #1).

Table 5.b Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) Expenditures ($ millions) 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Children's Services[1]	**1,289.8**	**1,384.9**	**1,603.7**
Program Administration	26.0	47.1[2]	51.2[2]
Field Administration	21.5	19.6	22.2
Financial and Employment Supports	5,684.1	5,591.8	5,110.2
Adults' Social Services	141.0	90.1	126.0
Developmental Services	834.9	878.6	916.2
Capital	28.0	31.3	26.6
Total	***$ 8,025.3***	***$ 8,043.4***	***$ 7,856.1***

1. Includes all children's programs (child care, children's mental health, child welfare, young offenders, and community support).

2. Reflects transfer of accommodation and leasing payments from Ontario Realty Corporation to MCSS.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 18 years of age. The *Child and Family Services Act* stipulates that protection services are to be provided to a child under the age of 16. Care and maintenance may be extended to Crown wards to age 21.

Child in care: A child in need of protection under the *Child and Family Services Act* and in care under the following legal statuses: Temporary Care Agreement, Special Needs Agreement, Society Wardship Order (temporary ward), Crown Wardship Order (permanent ward), Extended Care and Maintenance, Temporary Order for Care and Custody, Parental Consent to Adopt.

Temporary Care Agreement: The temporary transfer of custody of a child to a Children's Aid Society, for a maximum period of six months. The agreement may be extended for an additional six months.

Special Needs Agreement: Parents having care and custody of a special needs child who are unable to provide the services the child requires may enter into an agreement with a CAS. The CAS may assume care and custody of the child in order to provide the services needed by the child. Sixteen or seventeen year olds who have been abused, abandoned or refused support by their parents may also enter into a Special Needs Agreement. The initial term of the agreement is one year and may be extended for one additional year.

Parental Consent to Adopt: Allows the parents to voluntarily relinquish an infant to a CAS for adoption purposes.

Supervision Order: A child remains in his community (in own home or other arrangements) under the supervision of a CAS. The order may last from three to twelve months. Indefinite extensions are allowed. The child is not considered to be in care.

Society Wardship Order: Places a child in the care and custody of a CAS for up to 12 months. The parent gives up guardianship of the child for the duration of the order.

Crown Wardship Order: Permanently transfers the care, custody and control of a child to a CAS.

Temporary Order for Care and Custody:	Court ruling concerning a child's care and custody court adjournments.
Extended Care and Maintenance:	Care and maintenance services for former wards may be extended to age 21.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data compiled by the Child and Family Support Branch of the Department of Family Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - mandated services under *The Child and Family Services Act* to all families/children.

2. *Protection* - reports of alleged child abuse.

3. *Child Abuse Registry* - contains information on victims and perpetrators of child abuse.

4. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

5. *Adoption* - agency adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Family Services are included.

Manitoba data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Child and Family Services

Table 1 Child and Family Services Caseload by Category for Regional Offices only as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Category	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31,1999
Unmarried Adolescent Parents	370	356	330
Children in Care[1]	5,203	5,227	5,358
Families Receiving Protection Services	8,262	8,330	8,033
Total	***13,835***	***13,913***	***13,721***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Protection

Table 2.a Reports of Alleged Child Abuse Cases by Age Group and Sex of Child, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Age Group			
Less than 1 year	34	63	28
1-3 years	231	276	173
4-10 years	880	1,363	1,158
11-15 years	572	809	785
16+ years	157	294	372
Unknown	49	0	0
Sex			
Male	847	1,139	1,079
Female	1,064	1,666	1,437
Unknown	12	0	0
Total	***1,923***	***2,805***	***2,516***

Table 2.b Reports[1] on Alleged Abused Children by Source[2], 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Source[2]	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Child and Family Services Agencies	1,201	1,762	1,596
Native Agencies	444	681	587
Regional Offices	278	362	333
Total	***1,923***	***2,805***	***2,516***

1. Represents the number of reports of child abuse received under the mandatory reporting requirements of *The Child and Family Services Act* by agencies and regional offices. All reports received are investigated.

2. Refers to the agency or regional office, which received the report.

Child Abuse Registry

Table 3 Child Abuse Registry – Statistical Information as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Source	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Number of Abusers	1,677	1,992	2,320
Number of Child Victims	503	412	357[1]

1. Effective March 15, 1999, the names of the child victims are no longer placed on the registry.

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Children in Care

Table 4.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	350	75	202	627
CFS Agencies	1,722	550	649	2,921
Native Agencies	921	526	208	1,655
Total	***2,993***	***1,151***	***1,059***	***5,203***

	March 31, 1998			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	381	85	144	610
CFS Agencies	1,706	481	609	2,796
Native Agencies	1,007	543	271	1,821
Total	***3,094***	***1,109***	***1,024***	***5,227***

	March 31, 1999			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	379	102	130	611
CFS Agencies	1,839	453	525	2,817
Native Agencies	1,131	508	291	1,930
Total	***3,349***	***1,063***	***946***	***5,358***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes the following legal statuses: Temporary Order of Guardianship, Permanent Order of Guardianship (including extensions of service) and Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement.

3. Voluntary Placement Agreement.

4. Includes apprehensions and wards of other jurisdictions.

Table 4.b Children in Care[1] by Type of Placement, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Type of Placement	March 31,1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Foster Homes	3,633	3,678	3,764
Residential Care[2]	311	319	319
Other Placement Resources	612	571	681
Selected Adoption Probation	112	106	99
Other Non-Pay Care Living Arrangements[3]	535	553	495
Total	***5,203***	***5,227***	***5,358***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care

2. Includes private group homes, own-agency group homes and residential treatment centres.

3. Includes Seven Oaks Centre, St. Amant, Manitoba Youth Centre, hospitals and other facilities.

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Adoptions

Table 5 Adoptions during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Selected Manitoba placements[1]	112	105	113
Selected out of province placements[1]	1	–	3
Total	**113**	**105**	**116**
Private[2] placements opened	39	37	22
De facto[3] placements opened	28	28	36

1. A child is placed for adoption with approved applicants by the Director or agency having permanent guardianship of the child.

2. A child may be adopted by persons with whom he/she has been placed directly by the biological parent.

3. A child may be adopted by persons who have had him/her in their custody without financial assistance for a least three years.

Expenditures

Table 6.a Department of Family Services
Child and Family Services
Expenditures[1] ($000s)
1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Child and Family Services	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Child, Family and Community Development			
Salaries	$2,150.6	3,995.0	3,179.6
Other Expenditures	2,443.8	2,895.6	2,441.0
Maintenance of Children & External Agencies	106,028.7	114,323.6	119,402.4
Family Support Innovations Fund	2,229.1	2,331.6	2,460.4
Seven Oaks Youth Centre[2]			
Salaries	1,747.4	n/a	n/a
Other Expenses	251.5	n/a	n/a
Total	***$ 114,851.1***	***123,545.8***	***127,483.4***

1. Excludes expenditures for family conciliation and family violence prevention. For 1996-97 and 1997-98 these totalled $6,680,800, and $6,807,600 respectively.

2. Youth Emergency Crisis Stabilization System (YECSS) was established in 1997-98 with funds redirected from Seven Oaks Centre. YECSS, in partnership with major stakeholders, is concerned primarily with high risk children and youth. YECSS provides services on a 24 hour basis including: intake; mobile crisis capability; crisis stabilization units; and brief treatment for children/families.

Table 6.b Department of Family Services
Total Expenditures ($000s)
1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97[1]	1997-98	1998-99
Administration and Finance	7,231.3	7,204.7	7,190.9
Community Living	101,073.0	105,805.3	117,975.3
Child and Family Services[2]	**172,323.5**	**184,340.6**	**193,194.6**
Employment & Income	376,128.9	358,129.3	341,359.6
Total	***$ 656,756.7***	***$ 655,479.9***	***$ 659,720.4***

1. Categories are different from earlier years. Numbers and categories for 1996-97 have been revised.

2. Includes the following: Administration; Child, Family and Community Development; Family Conciliation; Family Dispute Services; Children's Special Services and Child Day Care.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under the age of majority (i.e., under 18 years of age). Care and maintenance of a child who is a permanent ward may be extended up to the child's 21st birthday.

Child in care: A child in care refers to a child in the care of an agency under *The Child and Family Services Act.* There are six legal statuses: apprehension (in or out of the home); Temporary Order of Guardianship; Permanent Order of Guardianship; Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship (usually for adoption purposes); Voluntary Placement Agreement; and, transfers from another jurisdiction.

Voluntary Placement Agreement: An agreement used by families who are unable to care for a child because of a family crisis, because the child has special needs or where a child 14 years of age or older is beyond the parent's control. The agency assumes responsibility for the child's care but there is no surrender of guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for an additional 12 months. For a child over 14, unlimited renewals up to his 18th birthday are permitted.

Order of Supervision: The child may be returned to or left in the parent's or guardian's home under agency supervision and subject to specified conditions. The court may impose any duration to such an order. These children are not considered to be in care.

Third Party Placement Order: The child may be placed temporarily or permanently with another person, with or without a transfer of guardianship. The court may impose any duration to such an order.

Temporary Guardianship Order: The agency may be appointed the temporary guardian of the child for a period ranging from 6 to 24 months (depending on the child's age), allowing for parents to resolve the problems which led to the child's removal from the home. Renewal provisions vary according to the age of the child.

Permanent Guardianship Order: An agency is appointed as the child's guardian and the parent's rights and responsibilities regarding the child are terminated.

Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement: A parent voluntarily transfers all rights and responsibilities of parenthood to an agency.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from Saskatchewan's Child and Family Services' Automated Client Index (ACI). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reason for intervention.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - ward and private adoptions

In addition, expenditures for children's services plus the Department of Social Services are included.

Saskatchewan data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Protection

Table 1 Families with Children in Need of Protection by Reason for Intervention, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

Reason for Intervention	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Abuse			
Physical Abuse	194	241	207
Sexual Abuse	163	187	134
Emotional Abuse	14	18	12
Subtotal	**371**	**446**	**353**
Physical Neglect	627	740	823
Parent/child Conflict	288	323	287
Parenting Ability	703	832	854
Domestic Violence	83	103	123
Investigations[1]	669	877	945
Child under 12[2]	5	1	7
Total	***2,746***	***3,322***	***3,392***

1. Investigation ongoing, reason not determined.

2. Child has committed an offence.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Apprehension[2]	617	735	791
Residential Care Agreement	570	643	727
Agreement for Services[3]	78	--	--
Temporary Ward[4]	185	173	162
Long-Term Orders to Age 18	296	353	446
Permanent Ward[5]	607	569	510
Extended Care Agreement[6]	63	63	74
Total	***2,416***	***2,536***	***2,710***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Matter before the court.

3. Agreement for services to 16 and 17 year olds became a separate program in 1995-96 that combines child welfare, youth services, and income support for youth and provides a single entry point for services.

4. Temporary Committal Order.

5. Includes Permanent Committal Order and Voluntary Committal (relinquishment of a child for adoption).

6. Extension of services to 21 years of age for previous permanent wards, or children under a Long-Term Order to Age 18, so that they may continue their education.

Note: In addition, a child may be cared for by a person of sufficient interest (often a member of the extended family) for whom the Department of Social Services is providing financial or other support. These, however, are not considered to be "children in the care of the Minister". The total number of such children is: 122 in March 1997, 123 in March 1998, and 151 in March 1999.

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Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Placement, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

Placement Type	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Foster Homes	1,861	2,062	1,999
Group Homes[2]	65	52	58
Residential Facilities[3]	63	67	88
Other[4]	427	355	565
Total	***2,416***	***2,536***	***2,710***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Non-governmental homes.

3. Government-run and non-governmental facilities (Dales House, Cottage 22, Kilburn Hall and Ranch Ehrlo).

4. Northern child care centres (receiving function), extended family placements, children in care placed in young offenders' open and closed custody facilities, children in care who have been returned home but whose guardianship has not been terminated and older children in care who have left provincial resources.

Adoptions

Table 3 Adoptions for 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Domestic Adoptions[1]			
Applicants waiting	202	187	136
Home studies underway	184	154	218
Approved homes awaiting placement	147	135	112
Adoption placements			
Infant	32	24	26
Older Child	17	17	22
Total placements	**49**	**41**	**48**
Other Adoptions			
Independent adoptions	35	45	46
International adoptions	9	2	6
Step-parent adoptions	144	94	101
Agency adoptions	10	16	15

1. Domestic Adoption refers to the adoption of a child who is permanently in the care of the Minister of Social Services. May include infant or child of any age, race or culture, and includes a child with special needs.

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Expenditures

Table 4.a Department of Social Services
Family and Youth Services Expenditures ($000s)
1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Family and Youth Services[1]	$ 38,864.5	$ 45,464.4	50,063.9
Family and Youth Facilities[2]	16,285.8	18,702.8	23,121.1
Administrative Expenditures[3]	2,275.3	2,310.9	2,731.3
Regional Operations[4]	16,210.0	17,792.7	20,954.3
Total	***$ 73,635.6***	***$ 84,270.8***	***$ 96,870.6***

1. Costs related to children in care, community youth services, costs to support NGO's for children, youth and families.

2. Costs related to secure and open custody facilities, and family services facility.

3. Costs related to Central Office, i.e. staffing.

4. Costs related to family and youth staff within the regions.

Table 4.b Department of Social Services
Total Expenditures ($000s)
1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97[1]	1997-98	1998-99
Administration	$ 20,657	$ 24,721	26,877
Child Day Care	15,537	17,175	16,765
Income Security	345,195	336,404	349,361
Community Living	50,685	52,003	55,781
Regional Service Centres	35,919	39,186	44,432
Office of Disabilities Issues	-	-	107
Family and Youth Services[2]	**57,426**	**66,478**	**75,916**
Total	***$ 525,419***	***$ 535,967***	***$ 569,239***

1. Data have been revised.

2. This amount reflects the first three items included in Table 4a.

Glossary of Terms

Child: An unmarried person under 16 years of age. A 16 or 17 year old who is unable to protect himself/herself from a dangerous situation may be apprehended in exceptional circumstances. Residential and/or financial services agreements may be made with a 16 or 17 year old youth for whom no parent is willing to assume responsibility. Services to a permanent ward or a child under a Long Term Care Agreement may be extended to age 21.

Children in Care: Children whose legal status is one of the following: Apprehension, Residential Care Agreement, Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 Year Olds, Temporary Committal Order (temporary ward), Long Term Order to Age 18, Permanent Committal Order, Voluntary Committal (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) and Extended Care Agreement.

Residential Care Agreement: Voluntary transfer of custody but not guardianship to the Minister of Social Services for any period of time up to one year. The agreement may be renewed for one additional year.

Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 year olds: An agreement providing residential and/or financial services to 16 or 17 year olds when there is no parent willing to assume responsibility for the youth or the youth cannot be re-established with his/her family.

Temporary Committal Order: The child is placed in the care and custody of the Minister for up to six months while the parent retains guardianship. The order may be extended for one additional year.

Permanent Committal Order: Custody and guardianship of a child is permanently transferred to the Minister of Social Services.

Long-Term Order to Age 18: When an older child (under 16 years of age) is in need of protection and is unlikely or does not wish to be adopted, he/she is placed in the custody of the Minister until age 18.

Extended Care Agreement: A permanent or long-term care ward who remains in school may enter into an agreement to extend services to age 21.

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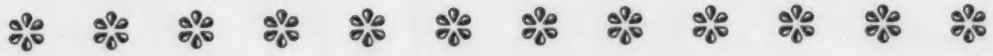
Voluntary Committal: A parent of any age may voluntarily commit a child to the care of the Minister and relinquish all custody and guardianship rights.



Introduction

Data in the tables for *Investigations, Protection* and *Children in Care* were extracted from Alberta Children's Services'* Child Welfare Information System (CWIS). This system covers all children who are referred for or receive protection services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations that a child is in need of protection.

2. *Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child welfare and the Department of Family and Social Services are included.

Alberta data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

* The Alberta government was reorganized in May 1999. Responsibility for child and family services now falls under the authority of the new Ministry of Children's Services.

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Investigations

Table 1 Primary Assessment Outcome of All Investigations Completed in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Primary Assessment Outcome	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Abandonment	866	856	919
Guardian Deceased	34	28	27
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Necessities of Life	3,963	4,587	5,550
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Medical Treatment	65	101	85
Sexual Abuse by Guardian	183	138	122
Risk of Sexual Abuse by Guardian	192	226	172
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Sexual Abuse	630	666	658
Physical Injury by Guardian	740	724	826
Risk of Physical Injury by Guardian	1,190	1,225	1,401
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Physical Injury	444	558	609
Emotional Injury by Guardian	788	942	820
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Emotional Injury	560	651	750
Guardian Subjects Child to Cruel/Unusual Punishment	42	39	61
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Cruel/Unusual Punishment	69	43	25
Condition of Child Prevents Adequate Care by Guardian	2,910	2,909	3,009
Repatriation	218	219	216
No Need for Protective Services	11,269	10,188	10,562
Other Jurisdiction Requested Home Report	179	165	164
Protection Needs Indicated but Not Substantiated	5,292	7,199	7,490
Other	–	–	1
Total	***29,634***	***31,464***	***33,467***

Protection

Table 2.a Children in Need of Protection by Legal Authority as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Primary Legal Authority[1]	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Open Under Assessment	904	1,029	1,079
Emergency Apprehension	54	52	29
Apprehension Order	37	34	35
Support Agreement with Guardian	3,393	3,425	3,376
Support Agreement with Child	222	216	257
Supervision Order	639	712	796
Order to Extend Custody/TGO	88	154	111
Custody Agreement with Guardian	860	891	863
Custody Agreement with Child	133	131	140
Temporary Guardianship Order	1,233	1,303	1,550
Interim Custody Order	424	555	434
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	57	58	58
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,657	3,032	3,409
Extended Care and Maintenance[2]	209	222	251
Total	***10,910***	***11,814***	***12,388***

1. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.

2. Extended Care and Maintenance is provided to young adults, not children (see Glossary). It is included, however, as part of the Department's reported caseload.

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Table 2.b Children in Need of Protection by Placement Type as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Placement Type[1]	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Parental Care	4,728	4,989	4,969
Extended Family	543	595	605
Residential Treatment	346	355	428
Remedial Care	5	7	14
Secure Treatment	42	46	35
Group Care	318	352	426
Receiving Group Care	63	66	59
Supported Independent Living	343	385	464
Independent Living	139	176	164
Mental Health Care	0	2	0
Residential Education	1	1	3
Auxiliary Medical	2	3	2
View to Adopt	148	166	166
Foster Care	2,867	2,960	3,037
Drug and Alcohol Management	2	5	2
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	0	1	3
Interim Placement other than above	22	43	66
Significant Other	178	217	252
Young Offenders Act Facility	27	44	32
Agency Foster Care	740	957	1,247
Fee for Service Care	241	259	202
Not Coded	155	185	212
Total	***10,910***	***11,814***	***12,388***

1. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 2.c Children in Need of Protection by Age as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Age at Month End	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Less than 1	404	409	428
1	466	512	474
2	510	542	546
3	531	586	513
4	526	552	623
5	560	596	616
6	578	601	639
7	580	646	679
8	559	637	653
9	557	613	667
10	545	629	678
11	594	644	681
12	611	686	691
13	711	788	828
14	835	903	918
15	811	900	934
16	685	734	846
17	606	587	674
18[1]	198	188	210
19[1]	42	59	56
20[1]	1	2	4
Total	***10,910***	***11,814***	***12,388***

1. Age is reported as of the end of the month. Therefore, some children will be recorded as an 18 year old in the month they turn 18. As well, the young adults 18 and over will be under an Extended Care and Maintenance Agreement.

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Table 2.d Children in Need of Protection by Sex, as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Sex	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Male	5,618	6,073	6,421
Female	5,292	5,741	5,967
Total	***10,910***	***11,814***	***12,388***

Table 2.e Children in Need of Protection by Aboriginal Status, as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Racial Origin	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Non-aboriginal	6,810	7,416	7,774
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	2,771	3,020	3,203
Non Status Indian	471	412	390
Potential to be Registered	70	86	116
Unknown Status	205	239	286
Inuit	13	12	19
Metis	570	629	600
Sub-total Aboriginal	*4,100*	*4,398*	*4,614*
Total	***10,910***	***11,814***	***12,388***

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children In Care[1] by Legal Authority as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Legal Authority[2]	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Emergency Apprehension	54	52	29
Apprehension Order	37	34	35
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	88	154	111
Custody Agreement with Guardian	860	891	863
Custody Agreement with Child	133	131	140
Temporary Guardianship Order	1,233	1,303	1,550
Interim Custody Order	424	555	434
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	57	58	58
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,657	3,032	3,409
Total	***5,543***	***6,210***	***6,629***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.

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Table 3.b Children In Care[1] by Placement Type as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Placement Type[2]	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Parental Care	165	207	154
Extended Family	277	362	331
Residential Treatment	337	344	422
Remedial Care	4	7	13
Secure Treatment	42	45	35
Group Care	301	338	408
Receiving Group Care	63	65	58
Supported Independent Living	110	127	159
Independent Living	60	81	74
Residential Education	0	2	2
Auxiliary Medical	0	3	2
View to Adopt	148	166	166
Foster Care	2,843	2,931	3,002
Drug and Alcohol Management	1	1	2
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	0	1	3
Interim Placement other than above	9	26	37
Significant Other	115	166	198
Young Offender Act Facility	25	42	31
Agency Foster Care	724	939	1,226
Fee for Service Care	237	255	200
Not Coded	82	102	106
Total	***5,543***	***6,210***	***6,629***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 3.c Children In Care[1] by Age as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Age at Month End	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Less than 1	203	227	200
1	240	273	247
2	252	267	297
3	256	286	272
4	238	288	327
5	256	276	301
6	268	304	320
7	279	313	347
8	265	316	360
9	269	312	352
10	260	314	361
11	281	325	372
12	320	376	373
13	381	445	461
14	467	498	529
15	483	571	565
16	436	438	542
17	374	364	388
18	15	17	15
Total	***5,543***	***6,210***	***6,629***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

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Table 3.d Children In Care[1] by Sex as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Sex	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Male	2,879	3,199	3,481
Female	2,664	3,011	3,148
Total	***5,543***	***6,210***	***6,629***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.e Children In Care[1] by Aboriginal Status as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Racial Origin	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Non-aboriginal	2,877	3,218	3,398
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	1,881	2,172	2,355
Non Status Indian	302	264	272
Potential to be Registered	33	40	54
Unknown Status	94	114	161
Inuit	8	10	15
Métis	348	392	374
Sub-total Aboriginal	*2,666*	*2,992*	*3,231*
Total	***5,543***	***6,210***	***6,629***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Ward (Children in Care) Adoptions during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Total Number of Healthy Infants Placed for Adoption	23	19	9
Total Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption	121	121	165
Ward Adoption Orders Granted	126	148	150
Ward Adoption Home Assessment Reports Received	136	173	114
Number of Applicants on Deferred Waiting List	412	367	256
Number of Approved Applicants Waiting for Placement	156	162	264
Post Adoption Agreements During the Year	400	428	473

Table 4.b Private Adoptions during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Step-Parent Adoptions	319	281	262
Relative Adoptions	38	39	41
Licensed Agency Arranged Placements	138	153	142
Licensed Agency Direct Placements	65	64	38

Table 4.c Post Adoption Registry Activities during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Reunions Completed	266	229	229
Number of Enquiries	3,100	2,623	2,367
Total Applicants to the Registry	1,644	1,405	1,325
Number of Search Requests through a Licensed Search Agency	594	470	461

Expenditures

Table 5.a Department of Family and Social Services[1] Expenditures[2] For Child Welfare ($000s) 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

Program Expenditure	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Program Delivery	$ 47,236	$63,372	$56,116
Intake and Investigation	8,176	8,639	9,251
In-Home Family Support	23,262	24,204	26,470
Adoptions	4,448	4,367	4,826
Foster Care	63,817	71,134	81,115
Community Based Family Support Services	8,444	9,264	8,301
Residential Care	56,162	64,616	73,933
Handicapped Children's Services	23,391	27,378	31,415
Total	***$ 234,936***	***$ 272,974***	***$ 291,427***

1. The Alberta government was reorganized in May 1999. Responsibility for child and family services now falls under the authority of the new Ministry of Children's Services.

2. Information has been adjusted to reflect the current department structure.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under the age of 18 years.

Child in care: A child who is need of protection and has one of the following legal authorities: Emergency Apprehension; Apprehension Order; Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years; Custody Agreement with Child; Temporary Guardianship Order; Interim Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Agreement; or Permanent Guardianship Order.

Care and Maintenance Agreement: A child who was the subject of a Support Agreement With Child (services provided to a child in the home), a Custody Agreement With Child, a Temporary Guardianship Order, a Permanent Guardianship Order, or Permanent Guardianship Agreement at the time they turned 18 may have services provided for up to six months at any time until they turn 20. The agreement may be renewed indefinitely until the young adult turns 20.

Custody Agreement: A Director assumes temporary custody of a child for up to six months. The parent retains guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for up to six months at a time. The total time in temporary care (including temporary guardianship orders) may not exceed 2 years.

Interim Custody Order: Order giving the Director interim care and custody of a child during court adjournments.

Permanent Guardianship: Agreement: A parent voluntarily relinquishes a child to a Director for the purposes of adoption. All parental rights are terminated. Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to a Director.

Permanent Guardianship Order: A court assigns guardianship of a child to a Director. All parental rights are terminated. Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to the Director.

Temporary Guardianship Order: Custody and guardianship are extended to a Director, with guardianship shared with the parent. The initial duration may not exceed one year and may be extended for one additional year. The total time in temporary care (including custody agreements) may not normally exceed two years. This term may be further extended to three years if ordered by the court.

Supervision Order: A Director may supervise both the guardian and child in need of protective service in the family home. The initial order may not exceed six months but may be extended indefinitely. The child is not considered to be in care.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data provided by the Child Protection Division of the Ministry for Children and Families. Data are for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - family support services.

2. *Protection* - services to all families/children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoption* - both Ministry and non-Ministry adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Ministry for Children and Families are included.

British Columbia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations noted in the Preface.

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Child and Family Services

Table 1 Family Support Services Intake Calls by Nature of Call for March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Nature of Call	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Family Support Services	1,178	1,277	1,081
Services for Youth	377	465	470
Services for Special Needs Children	45	94	85
Special Needs Daycare	119	172	126
Total	***1,719***	***2,008***	***1,762***

Protection

Table 2.a Child Protection Investigations by Type of Concern, during March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Type	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Abuse			
Physical	389	456	462
Sexual	121	122	126
Subtotal	**510**	**578**	**588**
Neglect	278	422	352
Other[1]	543	460	487
Multiple[2]	632	805	925
Total	***1,963***	***2,265***	***2,352***

1. Other includes abandonment, death of caregiver, absence of parent(s), disability of parent(s), deprivation of necessary medical care, absent from home and endangered.

2. Represents cases where more than one type of concern is reported.

Table 2.b Helpline[1] Child Welfare Calls by Type[2], during March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Type[2]	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Abuse			
Physical	93	99	113
Sexual	25	43	35
Multiple	141	129	131
Subtotal	**259**	**271**	**279**
Neglect	156	144	139
Other[3]	342	177	164
Total	***757***	***592***	***582***

1. The Helpline for Children is part of the Ministry for Children and Families' "After Hours Program" which receives reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, as well as requests for other Ministry services.

2. Represents caller's allegation.

3. Represents the sum of the following calls: emotional abuse, abandoned child, not coded protection, and other protection.

Table 2.c Child Protection Reports[1,2] Received during March 1997, March 1998, and March 1999, by Type of Caller

Referral Source	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Subject Child	81	88	84
Parent	260	366	344
MCF/MHR[3] employee	201	281	287
In Home Support Provider	21	27	35
Friend/Neighbour	214	238	285
Residential Caregiver	20	22	26
Relative	176	197	197
Anonymous	99	85	106
Concerned Citizen	230	229	214
Police	170	245	302
School	468	494	529
Preschool/Daycare	23	23	33
Health Professionals	149	131	162
Community Professional	–	394	461
Other	19	–	29
Not Coded	371	–	–
Total	***2,502***	***2,820***	***3,094***

1. Not all reports received are investigated because in some cases the initial assessment of the report indicates that investigation is not warranted.

2. Only workers who are delegated authority to receive reports under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* can receive child protection reports. Most of these workers are employees of the Ministry for Children and Families, but some work for aboriginal agencies.

3. MCF represents the Ministry for Children and Families; MHR represents the Ministry formerly known as the Ministry of Human Resources.

Table 2.d Case Actions Following Protection Investigations During March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Actions[1]	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Remove Child	149	189	266
Offer Care Agreement	81	91	71
Offer Support Services	46	630	589
Refer to Community Agency/Other Ministry	415	447	505
Offer Support Services and Refer to Agency/Ministry	–	106	89
No service Required	718	802	832
Not Coded	554	–	–
Total	***1,963***	***2,265***	***2,352***

1. Data collection mechanisms changed slightly with the implementation of the MIS-SWS system during fiscal year 1996/1997.

Table 2.e Children Under Supervision[1] as at March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Type of Order	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Before Court Hearing	98	146	129
After Period of Care	529	829	1,065
Without Removal[2]	--	--	161
Total	***627***	***975***	***1,355***

1. "Children under Supervision" are children who are not in the care or custody of the Director under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, but whose care by the parent or other person, by order of the court, is subject to supervision by the Director. Terms and conditions with which the parent or other person must comply are often attached to Supervision Orders. Breach of a term or condition may result in removal of the child.

2. Since June 1, 1998, it has been possible for a Supervision Order to be made by the court without the child first being removed.

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children Taken Into Care[1] by Legal Authority, during March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Legal Authority	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Voluntary Care Agreement	270	247	198
Special Needs Agreement	46	26	26
Removed child (30.1a)[2]	81	89	53
Removed child (30.1b)[3]	182	279	323
Removed child (36.1)[4]	3	8	2
Adoption Act	5	--	2
Other Province/Country	--	1	4
Family Relations Act	3	7	5
Total	***590***	***657***	***613***

1. Entrance to care is only through the above named legal authorities.

2. Child's health or safety is in immediate danger.

3. No other less disruptive measure that is available is adequate to protect the child.

4. If the director has reason to believe that an interim order under Sec. 35(2) (b) (where a child be returned to or remain with the parent under the supervision of the director) no longer protects the child, the director must remove the child.

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Table 3b. Children in Care[1] by Reason for Service[2], as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Reason	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Voluntary Care Agreements			
Temporary parental crisis	293	243	220
Time to resolve/strengthen parenting	716	854	775
Parent receiving treatment	169	195	169
Awaiting adoption placement	69	72	74
Subtotal Voluntary Care	**1,247**	**1,364**	**1,238**
Special Needs Agreements			
Child's behavioural condition	1,117	1,207	1,290
Child's developmental condition	328	331	369
Child's emotional condition	338	356	381
Child's physical condition	196	226	234
Child's mental condition	334	375	375
Subtotal Special Needs	**2,313**	**2,495**	**2,649**
Protection Action			
Physical harm by parent	947	1,173	1,211
Sexual abuse/exploitation by parent	296	321	320
Parent not protecting from abuse	402	492	525
Neglect by parent with physical harm	2,010	2,389	2,615
Emotional harm by parent	840	1,159	1,341
Deprived of necessary health care	122	122	120
Parent refusal to treatment of condition	55	64	65
Parent unable/unwilling to care	3,859	4,629	5,148
Child absent from home in danger	277	312	350
Parent deceased: inadequate provisions	97	101	99
Child abandoned: inadequate provisions	459	556	557
Expired agreement: parent unable/unwilling to care	125	199	223
Subtotal Protection	**9,489**	**11,517**	**12,574**
Other Acts/Jurisdictions			
Death of guardian	116	110	109
Court transfers guardianship	11	12	6
Relinquished for adoption	39	48	47
Care requested by other province	33	38	44
Care requested by other country	5	5	--
Subtotal Other	**204**	**213**	**206**

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Because there may be up to three reasons for service, the reasons add to more than the total number of children in care (8,232 in 1997, 9,366 in 1998, and 9,813 in 1999).

Table 3.c Children in Care[1] by Legal Authority as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1997[2]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Parental Agreement	2,356	2,472	2,321
Before Court[3]	874	1,268	1,319
Temporary Custody	1,402	1,695	1,771
Continuing Custody	2,898	3,450	3,947
Other Legislation[4]	308	322	332
Not Coded	394	159	123
Total	***8,232***	***9,366***	***9,813***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Data have been revised.

3. Includes Removed Children & Interim Orders.

4. Includes other Province/Country, *Adoption Act* and *Family Relations Act*.

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Table 3.d Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

Placement	March 31, 1997[2]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Ministry Resources			
Regular Family Care	1,609	1,180	876
Restricted Family Care	730	896	916
Level 1 Care	1,339	1,502	1,486
Level 2 Care	1,126	1,602	1,873
Level 3 Care	457	551	624
Contracted Child Care Resource	1,583	2,159	2,531
Subtotal	**6,844**	**7,890**	**8,306**
Independent Living	280	332	404
Free Home	594	611	585
Other	338	403	402
Not Coded	176	130	116
Total	***8,232***	***9,366***	***9,813***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Data have been revised.

Table 3.e Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997			March 31, 1998		
Age Group	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
<2 years	322	257	579	351	288	639
2-4 years	516	422	938	589	516	1,105
5-7 years	567	482	1,049	622	539	1,161
8-10 years	584	501	1,085	690	585	1,275
11-13 years	718	543	1,261	848	685	1,533
14-16 years	1,008	1,046	2,054	1,113	1,161	2,274
17-18 years	620	646	1,266	690	689	1,379
Total	***4,335***	***3,897***	***8,232***	***4,903***	***4,463***	***9,366***

	March 31, 1999		
Age Group	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
<2 years	315	319	634
2-4 years	579	502	1,081
5-7 years	690	560	1,250
8-10 years	743	602	1,345
11-13 years	897	688	1,585
14-16 years	1,159	1,184	2,343
17-18 years	767	808	1,575
Total	***5,150***	***4,663***	***9,813***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

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Table 3.f Aboriginal Children in Care[1] by Residence of Parents as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

March 31, 1997

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	385	1,583	348	2,316
Inuit	--	16	1	17
Métis	2	156	23	181
Total	***387***	***1,755***	***372***	***2,514***

March 31, 1998

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	471	1,801	367	2,639
Inuit	--	18	--	18
Métis	--	181	27	208
Total	***471***	***2,000***	***394***	***2,865***

March 31, 1999

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	405	1,940	348	2,693
Inuit	--	17	4	21
Métis	1	219	27	247
Total	***406***	***2,176***	***379***	***2,961***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.g Children Discharged from Care[1] by Reason, during March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Reason for Discharge	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Child Returned to Parent/Home			
Parent located, child no longer in charge	n/a	2	1
Child returned/repatriated, no longer in charge	n/a	46	64
Immediate danger removed, no longer in charge	n/a	2	5
Parent able to resume care	n/a	87	88
Returned Under Supervision Order	n/a	166	196
Court refused requested order	n/a	--	--
Court cancelled Continuing Custody Order	n/a	--	4
Care required by child has been completed	n/a	34	26
Child AWOL/Institutionalized, agreement cancelled	n/a	36	36
Subtotal	n/a	*373*	*420*
Alternate Care Arranged			
Guardianship transferred to relative (FRA)	n/a	16	31
Adoption completed	n/a	1	12
Ward of other province/country returned	n/a	2	6
Child Became Independent			
Reached age of majority	n/a	37	64
Child married	n/a	--	--
Child deceased	n/a	1	--
Not Coded	n/a	97	97
Total	***n/a***	*527*	*630*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

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Table 3.h Former Children in Care[1] Receiving Extended Services as of March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Total	***321***	***323***	***293***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Children Available[1] for Adoption, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Total	***182***	***205***	***361***

1. These are the children who are actually registered for adoption. There are a number of other children who have adoption as their plan of care but are not yet registered for adoption. Only the children who are registered are considered available for adoption.

Table 4.b Ministry Adoptions[1] during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of children placed	125	111	117
Number of approved homes as at March 31	318	337	220
Number of applications pending as at March 31[2]	937	827	736

1. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

2. This includes both homes presently under study and applicants waiting. The applicants waiting are generally requesting children with few special needs and may not be studied due to this.

Table 4.c Ministry Adoptions[1]: Number of Children Placed by Age Group, during 1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

Age Group	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
0 to 23 months	69	59	66
2 to 5 years	34	36	29
6 to 12 years	22	13	21
over 12 years	--	3	1
Total	***125***	***111***	***117***

1. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

Table 4.d Non-Ministry Adoptions [1,2]: 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Total	***142***	***87***	***31***

1. These numbers include the intercountry, direct placements and section 48's under BC legislation. They do not include Ministry healthy infant or special needs adoptions.

2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

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Expenditures

Table 5.a Ministry for Children and Families
Child and Family Service Expenditures ($000s)
1996-97, 1997-98, and 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Program Management[1]	140,989	143,289	225,797
Family Support Services	59,148	74,170	82,944
Youth Services	24,052	8,996	11,612
Adoption Services	2,688	2,899	3,064
Services to Aboriginals	8,238	7,320	9,102
Foster Care	65,893	74,496	77,859
Independant Living	3,273	3,637	4,240
CIC Services	6,715	13,883	14,958
Contracted Child Care Resource	79,313	93,314	101,327
Foster Parent Recruitment, Foster Parent Association Grants etc.	1,936	2,018	2,244
Total	***$ 392,245***	***$ 424,022***	***$ 533,147***

1. All Program Management programs which came from other Ministries in 1997-98 were separated as individual line items. However, in 1998-99 they were merged as one item.

Table 5.b Ministry for Children and Families[1]
Total Expenditures ($ millions) 1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97[1]	1997-98	1998-99
Child, Family and Community Services[2]	**408.0**	**433.3**	**544.0**
Social Assistance	1,667.8	n/a	n/a
Community Support Services	455.0	421.7	446.6
Administration and Support	69.5	67.1	54.9
Minister's Office	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total	***$ 2,600.8***	***$ 922.5***	***$ 1,045.9***

1. The Ministry for Children and Families was established September 23, 1996 by combining programs from 5 ministries. Previously voted funds for all ministries were transferred with those programs. Data for 1996-97 were those paid by the former Ministry of Social Services and are therefore not comparable to other years.

2. The totals in Table 5a do not match the numbers reflected under "Child, Family and Community Services" in this table as Table 5a does not include expenditures for Community Services.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 19 years of age. Support and/or maintenance may be provided to former permanent wards or to a person who was party to a youth agreement until the person's 19th birthday for a total of 24 months until the person's 24th birthday.

Child in Care: Children in the care of the Director designated under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (temporary or permanent transfer of guardianship and/or custody) under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement; Special Needs Agreement; Removal; Interim Custody Order; Temporary Custody Order; Continuing Custody Order; *Adoption Act* Ward; *Family Relations Act* Ward; ward of another jurisdiction.

Voluntary Care Agreement: Agreement between the Director and the parent that results in the placement of the child in a foster home for a short period while the parent deals with whatever difficulty has led them to be unable to care for their child on a temporary basis. The agreement may be made for a period of up to 3 months if the child is under 5 years of age or up to 6 months if the child is older. Depending on the age of the child, extensions of up to 24 months are possible.

Special Needs Agreement: Agreement between the Director and the parent of a special needs child where the parent requires additional support services to care for the child. The child is often placed in a specialized resource designed to respond to the child's special needs. Agreements are for a period of six months and can be renewed for periods of up to 12 months.

Youth Agreement: An agreement between the Director under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* and a youth who needs assistance and who cannot, in the Director's opinion, be re-established in the youth's family, or has no parent or other person willing or able to assist the youth. The agreement may provide residential, educational or other support services, and financial assistance.

Interim Order: Short-term order made by a judge at a presentation hearing concerning the custody or supervision of a child.

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Temporary Custody Order: On the making of this order, custody and guardianship are transferred to the Director for 3 months if the child is under 5 years of age or 6 months if the child is 5-12 years of age, or 12 months if the child is over 12 years of age. If financially capable, the parents must pay maintenance costs.

Continuing Custody Order: On the making of this order, the Director has sole custody and guardianship of the child; parents' rights and responsibilities are terminated. All continuing custody wards under 12 are considered for adoption.

Supervision Order: When this order is made, the child remains with a parent or other person under the supervision of the Director for up to six months. Extensions of up to a year are possible. The child is not considered to be in care.

***Adoption Act* Ward:** A child whose parent voluntarily surrenders the child to the Director of Adoption for the purposes of adoption. The Director of Adoption becomes the child's sole guardian.

***Family Relations Act* Ward:** A child who is orphaned and has no legal guardian, by the operation of law, becomes a ward of the Director.

Introduction

The data presented in this section are taken from the Client Index System which is maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services in the Yukon. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Family Services* - prevention and support services to children and families.

2. *Children in Need of Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - agency, private and step-parent adoptions.

Yukon data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Family Services

Table 1.a Families Receiving Family Services by Type of Service, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997[1]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Brief Involvement	1	7	1
Counselling	76	78	65
Custody Reports	9	3	4
Other	71	55	73
Unmarried Parent	4	5	2
Total	***161***	***148***	***145***

1. Data have been revised.

Table 1.b Families Receiving Family Services by Category of Client, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997[1]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Two parent family	64	55	51
One parent family	97	93	94
Total	***161***	***148***	***145***

1. Data have been revised.

Protection

Table 2 Children in Need of Protection by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Worker's Assessment of Major Reason, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 1997[1]	March 1998	March 1999
Age Group			
Birthdates missing	15	14	23
0-1 year	13	14	20
2-5 years	70	55	60
6-11 years	128	107	121
12-15 years	91	74	88
16+ years	68	63	70
Sex			
Male	183	164	190
Female	202	163	192
Ethnicity			
Native	144	118	114
Other	241	209	268
Worker's Assessment of Major Reason			
Brief Involvement	12	5	10
Investigation Ongoing			
Neglect	23	27	59
Physical abuse	10	19	10
Sexual abuse	14	22	25
Emotional abuse	0	1	0
Relationship breakdown	4	4	4
Neglect	159	121	133
Physical abuse	27	19	29
Sexual abuse	44	33	32
Emotional abuse	5	6	5
Relationship breakdown	35	21	21
Other	52	49	54
Total	***385***	***327***	***382***

1. Data have been revised.

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Children in Care

Table 3 Children in Care[1] by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999

	March 31, 1997[2]	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Age Group			
Birthdates missing	0	0	1
0-1 year	3	6	6
2-5 years	25	25	27
6-11 years	48	50	60
12-15 years	55	54	54
16+ years	34	34	34
Sex			
Male	85	83	86
Female	80	86	96
Ethnicity			
Native	76	87	83
Other	89	82	99
Legal Status			
Place of Safety	1	2	6
Custody Agreement[3]	27	19	16
Apprehension	7	6	10
Temporary Ward	48	45	38
Permanent Ward	79	95	109
Other	3	2	3
Total	***165***	***169***	***182***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Data have been revised.

3. Includes Agreements for Voluntary Relinquishment.

Adoptions

Table 4 Adoptions for 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99

	1996-97[1]	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Adoptive Homes			
Pending	26	32	36
Approved and waiting for placement	41	46	34
Number of Adoptions Completed (Number of Families)			
Agency	4	7	1
Private	4	4	1
Step-parent	2	2	3
Number of Children Adopted			
Agency	6	n/a	n/a
Private	6	n/a	n/a
Step-parent	2	n/a	n/a
Number of Adoption Subsidies	10	9	8
Number of Adoption Disclosures	58	72	70
Number of Families Receiving Post Adoption Services	30	37	29

1. Data have been revised.

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Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 18 years of age. Care and custody may be extended to age 19 by the Director of Family and Children's Services.

Child in Care: A child in the care of the Director of Family and Children's Services under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement (Temporary Care and Custody Agreement), Apprehension (includes court adjournments), Temporary Ward (Order for Temporary Care and Custody), Permanent Ward (Order for Permanent Care and Custody) and Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment [i.e. for adoption]) and Other (children from outside the territory being supervised in Yukon).

Agreement for Temporary Care and Custody of a Child: Voluntary agreement between a parent or guardian and the Director placing the child under the Director's temporary care and custody. An agreement may last for up to one year with provision for renewal for an additional year.

Supervision Order: The child is returned to the parent or person entitled to care or custody of the child with the Director of Family and Children's Services supervising the care of the child during the term of the order. The order may also include conditions regarding the conduct of the person(s) caring for the child. The child is not considered to be in care.

Order for Temporary Care and Custody: Temporarily transfers responsibility for the child to the Director for a specific term as determined by a judge. The court will issue such an order when it feels that the child's parent or custodian will be able to resume competent care of the child on expiry of the order.

Order for Permanent Care and Custody: Transfers the parents' rights and responsibilities for care and custody of the child to the Director.

Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment: A child's parents voluntarily relinquish a child to the Director of Family and Children's Services for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by the Community Programs and Services Division, Department of Health and Social Services, NWT. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - intake reports of child abuse.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - departmental and other adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Health and Social Services are included.

Northwest Territories data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

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Protection

Table 1.a Intake Reports[1] of Child Abuse by Type, during March 1997, March 1998 and March 1999

Type	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Physical Abuse	12	29	18
Sexual Abuse	12	12	18
Total	***24***	***41***	***36***

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to the Department.

Table 1.b Child Sexual Abuse Intake Reports[1] by Gender of Child, January 1 to December 31, 1997, January 1 to December 31, 1998 and January 1 to December 31, 1999

Gender	1997	1998	1999
Male	51	56	n/a
Female	196	163	n/a
Total	***247***	***219***	***n/a***

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to the Department.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status[2], as at March 31, 1997 and March 31, 1998

Legal Status	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998
Apprehension	59	74
Supervision Order	30	14
Temporary Care	107	98
Permanent Care	112	122
Custody by Agreement	53	87
Voluntary Care Agreement	4	1
Total	***365***	***396***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

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Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Legal Status[2,3], as at March 31, 1999

Legal Status	March 31, 1999
Plan of Care Agreement[4]	42
Apprehension	59
Supervision Order	10
Temporary Custody	87
Permanent Custody	140
Custody by Agreement[5]	42
Voluntary Support Agreement	31
Support Services Agreement[6]	7
Total	***418***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. The legal statuses in this table are different than the previous table due to the replacement of the *Child Welfare Act* with the *Child and Family Services Act* effective October 30, 1998.

3. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

4. The Plan of Care Agreement is entrenched in the *Child and Family Services Act* as a legal agreement that allows child protection workers and parents to reach a care agreement without having to bring the matter before the court for a temporary custody order. These agreements are only to be used when it is believed that a child is in need of protection.

5. Custody by Agreement (CBA's) under the previous Child Welfare Program is now defined as a Voluntary Support Agreement (VSA's) under the *Child and Family Services Act*. These statistics are reported separately in the above chart. CBA's governed children up to 18 years of age. VSA's now govern children up to age 16. The *Child and Family Services Act* was proclaimed October 30, 1998, 7 months into the fiscal year.

6. Support Service Agreements (SSA) under the *Child and Family Services Act* replaced Voluntary Care Agreements (VCA) under the previous Child Welfare Program. The statistics under the SSA heading includes VCA statistics from the first 7 months of the fiscal year. While the VCA under the previous child welfare program governed youths from 16 up to 18 years of age, the VSA now governs youths from 16 up to 19 years of age.

Table 2.c Children in Care[1] by Placement Type[2] as at March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, and March 31, 1999

Placement Type	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1999
Parent's Care[3]	30	13	11
Foster Home[4]	266	299	304
Group Home	22	27	47
Adoption Home[5]	3	7	2
Treatment Centre[6]	37	39	42
Other[7]	7	11	12
Total	***365***	***396***	***418***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Parent's Care usually refers to children placed in a parent's care under a Supervision Order.
4. Foster Home includes all NWT foster home types and children placed in southern foster homes.
5. Adoption Home means children in permanent care placed on adoption probation.
6. Includes all children placed in northern or southern treatment centres.
7. Other includes children in hospitals, young offender facilities or in a room and board setting.

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Adoptions

Table 3 Adoptions, 1997 to 1999

Type of Adoption	1997	1998	1999
Departmental Adoptions	3	5	6
Private Adoptions	10	11	16
Native Custom Adoptions	390	498	463

Expenditures

Table 4.a Department of Health and Social Services[1]
Child and Family Services Expenditures[2] ($000s) 1996-97 to 1998-99

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Foster Care	$ 4,576	$6,148	$5,110
Group Homes	1,375	1,952	1,617
Treatment Centres[3]	4,155	4,358	4,914
Intervention Services	392	1,383	1,204
Total	***$ 10,498***	***13,841***	***12,845***

1. The Department of Health and Social Services was previously called the Department of Social Services.

2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

3. Treatment Centres includes Northern and Southern Treatment Centres.

Table 4.b Department of Health and Social Services[1]
Total Expenditures[2] ($000s) 1996-97 to 1997-98

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Total	***$ 237,499***	***$253,082***	***$269,141***

1. The Department of Health and Social Services was previously called the Department of Social Services.

2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

Glossary of Terms

Effective October 30, 1998 the *Child and Family Services Act* replaced the *Child Welfare Act*. Terminology has been included for both Acts.

Child and Family Services Act
(Effective after October 30, 1998)

Child: A person under 16 years of age. A child who is in the permanent care of the Director may have guardianship extended to age 19.

Child in Care: A child who has been apprehended or is the subject of Plan of Care Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Supervision Order, Temporary Custody Order, Permanent Custody Order (including extensions to age 19 and voluntary relinquishment for adoption).

Plan of Care Agreement: The Director assumes custody, but not guardianship, of a child for up to one year. The maximum term, including extensions, is two years. These children are considered to be at risk as defined in the *Child and Family Services Act*.

Voluntary Care Agreement: Voluntary Care Agreements include Voluntary Support Agreements (VSA) and the Support Service Agreements (SSA). The VSA provides support services to children from 0 up to age 16. The SSA provides support services for youth 16 up to 19 years of age. Children under VSA's are not at risk as defined in the *Child and Family Services Act*. The child's parent(s) retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is six months, with provision for additional six (6) month renewals. For youth 16-19 years old, their agreement to the proposed plan is required.

Supervision Order: Child stays at home, under the supervision of the Director. The parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is for up to one year, with provision for renewal for one additional year.

Temporary Custody Order: Custody and guardianship are temporarily transferred to the Director (temporary care). The initial order may be for up to one year; with extensions, the total term may not exceed 24 consecutive months.

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Permanent Guardianship Order: Custody and guardianship of a child are permanently transferred to the Director. The initial order may be extended to age 19 if the child is still in school or handicapped.

Voluntary Relinquishment of a Child: Parent voluntarily relinquishes the child to the Director. The child is in the care of the Director but not apprehended. The matter is brought to court to obtain a permanent order.

Child Welfare Act
(Effective before October 30, 1998)

Child: A person under 18 years of age. A child who is in the permanent care of the Superintendent may have guardianship extended to age 19.

Child in Care: A child who has been apprehended or is the subject of Custody by Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Supervision Order, Temporary Custody Order, Permanent Guardianship Order (including extensions to age 19 and voluntary relinquishment for adoption).

Custody by Agreement: The Superintendent assumes custody, but not guardianship, of a child for up to one year. The maximum term, including extensions, should be two years. However, special needs children may have the agreement extended indefinitely to age 18.

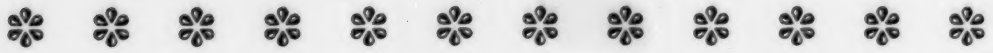
Voluntary Care Agreement: Provides services to 16 and 17 year olds living away from parent, who require financial and support services. These children are not at risk as defined in the *Child Welfare Act*. The child's parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is six months, with provision for additional six month renewals. The maximum term is two years.

Supervision Order: Child stays at home, under the supervision of the Superintendent. The parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is one year, with provision for renewal for one additional year.

Temporary Custody Order: Custody and guardianship are temporarily transferred to the Superintendent (temporary ward). The initial order may be for up to one year; with extensions, the total term may not exceed 36 consecutive months.

Permanent Guardianship Order: Custody and guardianship of a child are permanently transferred to the Superintendent (permanent ward). Permanent guardianship may be extended to age 19 if the child is still in school or handicapped.

Voluntary Relinquishment of a Child: Parent voluntarily relinquishes the child to the Superintendent. The child is in fact apprehended and the matter is brought to court to obtain a Permanent Guardianship Order.



Nunavut became a territory April 1, 1999 and therefore data for that territory has not been included in this report.

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